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LAST MOUNTAIN LAKE

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LAST MOUNTAIN LAKE is just coming into its own. The splendid business enterprise of the Wm. Pearson Co. Ltd., Winnipeg, which has been the direct means of transforming the district known as Last Mountain Valley from bare, uninhabited prairies to hustling towns, villages and farming community, in the short space of eight years, is going to manifest its influence to as great a degree in developing the commercial as well as pleasure resources on Last Mountain Lake.

Before the days of railways, Last Mountain Lake, like other famous rivers and lakes in Canada, played a very important role, as a natural highway for travel and traffic. There were no railways in the early history of this district and in order to provide accommodation for the thousands of settlers the Company was bringing in on both sides of the lake they put into commission a large passenger and freight steamer with grain barges. This enabled the settlers to get their supplies, lumber and grain to and from market. A large supply depot is being established at the south end of the lake to be known as "Valeport," where the Federal Government is now constructing a fine harbor, at the junction point of the two C. P. R. lines of railway.

Until railway connections were obtained with the supply depot, supplies were hauled from Regina, the capital of the province, twenty miles to the south. In connection with this steamer service, the Company established retail lumber yards and docks at View Haven, Big Arm, Arlington Beach and Watertown, each in charge of a resident manager.

The traffic quickly outgrew the capacity of the original boat so the Company put into commission the present magnificent steamer "QU'APPELLE." She is eighty feet long, carries a crew of eight officers and men, and can accommodate two hundred people. Her speed is nine miles an hour and stops are made at ports of call on either shore. The completion of the two Canadian Pacific lines, on both sides of the lake, will naturally reduce the freight traffic for the steamer in some lines; and moreover the increasing population of the surrounding farming community and the nearby cities, will mean rapid development of the summer resort and pleasure resources of the lake.

Last Mountain Lake traverses the Last Mountain Valley a distance of 65 miles from north to south, and has a surface area of 180 square miles. To the north end it "peters out" into the finest duck marshes that ever gladdened the eye of a sportsman, and at the south end, the district through which Outlet River winds into the Qu'Appelle, is also a magnificent duck country. At Valeport, the headquarters of the shipping interests of the lake, at the lake's southern extremity, there is eight feet of water, and at Watertown, the most northerly port of call, there is seven feet. In the intervening fifty or more miles the lake is of great depth, in many places one hundred feet.

The lake is a fisherman's paradise. Pickerel, pike, trout and whitefish can be caught in abundance. Recently the Dominion Fish Commission visited the lake and steps are being taken to introduce other game fish.

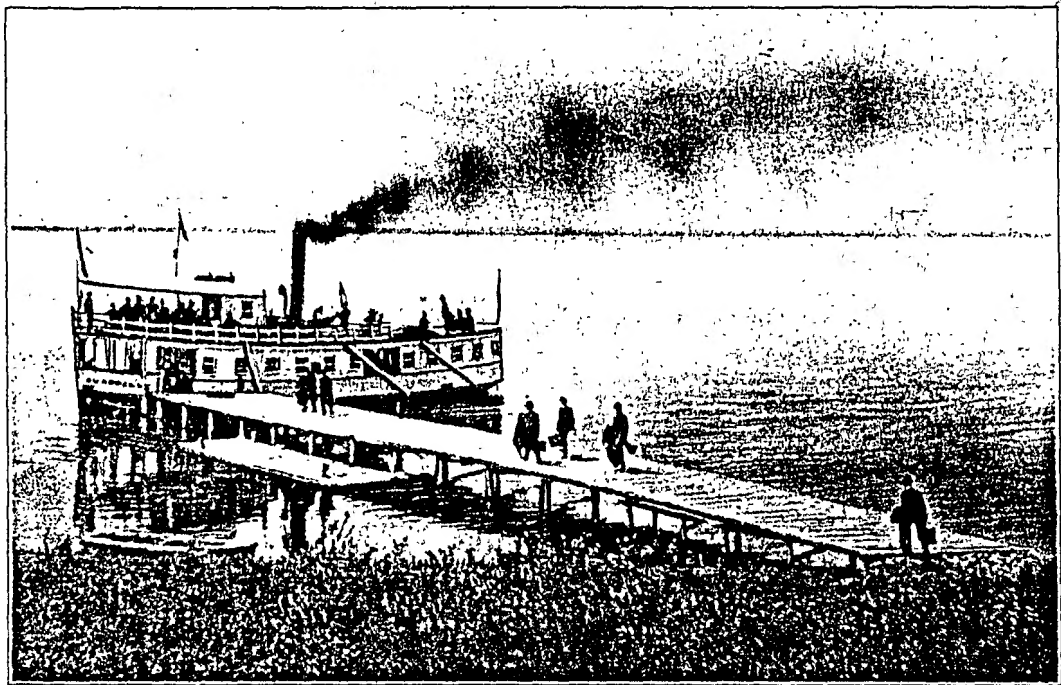
The lake will become Saskatchewan's most popular—indeed, almost its only—summer resort. Being only twenty miles from Regina, the people of Saskatchewan's capital have already erected numbers of summer cottages along the shores. The Methodist Sabbath School Workers of Saskatchewan, have established a permanent summer camp at which each year two or three hundred people gather under canvas. Already there are a number of sailing yachts and motor boats along the lake, which is one of the finest yachting courses in the world, and the fine bathing beaches to be found here and there are centers of attraction for picnic and holiday parties.

At Arlington Beach the Company completed in 1910, one of the coziest summer resort hotels in Western Canada, and prominent tourists who have already visited same, declare it compares favorably with the old watering places of Eastern Canada. One of the finest bathing beaches on the lake is to be found here, and the opportunities for bathing, boating, fishing, etc., are unexcelled.

One of the Company's plans for the summer of 1911, in connection with this hotel resort is the establishing of portable cottages and tents for outing parties. On account of its favorable location Arlington Beach is conveniently reached from all portions of the valley.

This Album is therefore dedicated primarily to give the reader an idea by photographs what Last Mountain Lake offers in the way of recreation to the pleasure-seeker from cities and towns of Western Canada, as well as the tiller of the soil.



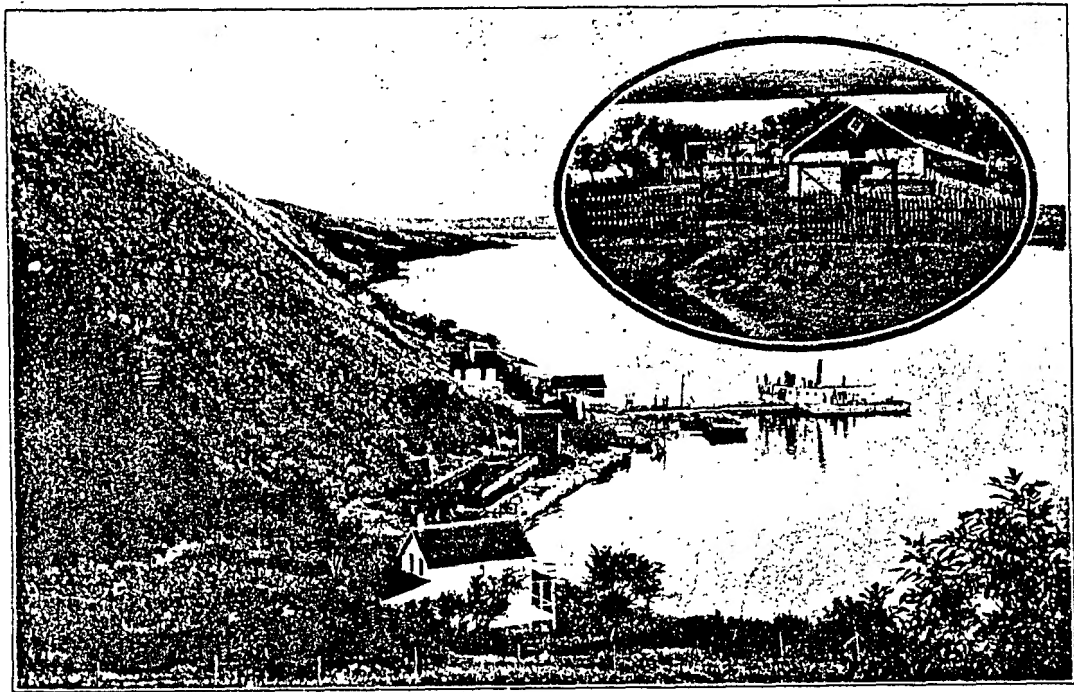


Wm. Pearson Co. Ltd.'s fine steamer, "Qu'Appelle"

The steamer makes regular schedules up and down the lake, stopping at regular ports of call, as well as at docks owned by private individuals.



The cabin of the S. S. Qu'Appelle.



Wm. Pearson Co. Ltd. present shipping headquarters at Port Hyman, near south end of Lake. Steamer at pier loading supplies. Small picture one of Company's branch lumber yards at View Haven.



Scene near Valeport, showing Canadian Pacific Railroad construction on both sides of Last Mountain Lake.

"Sunlight, foliage and foam."

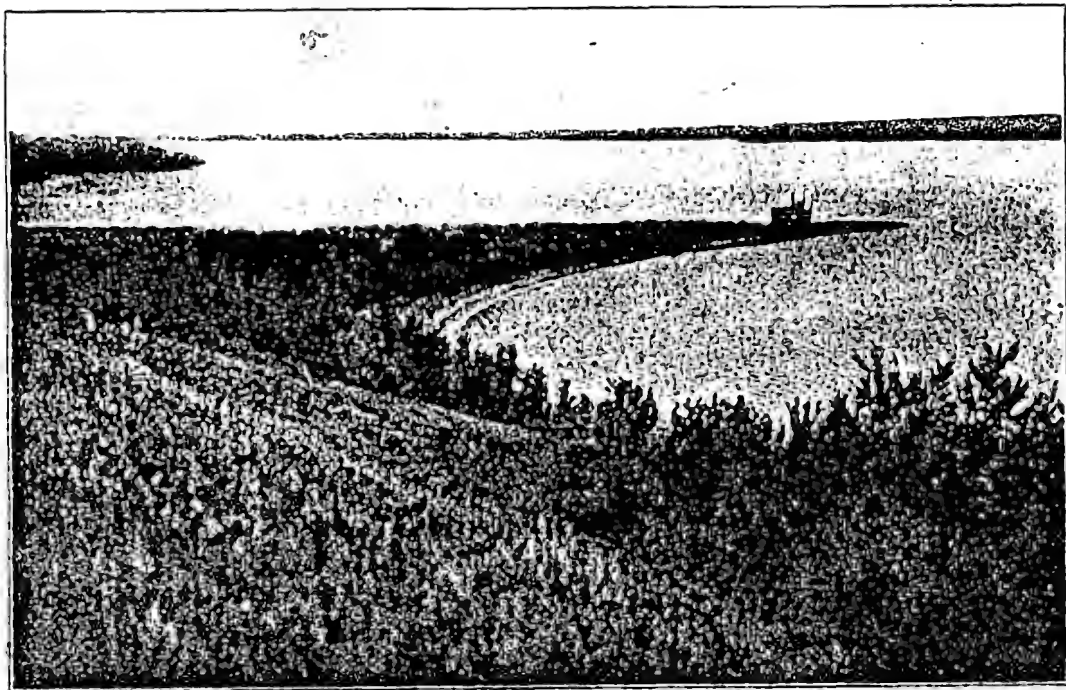


Sheltering Grove at Glen Harbor.

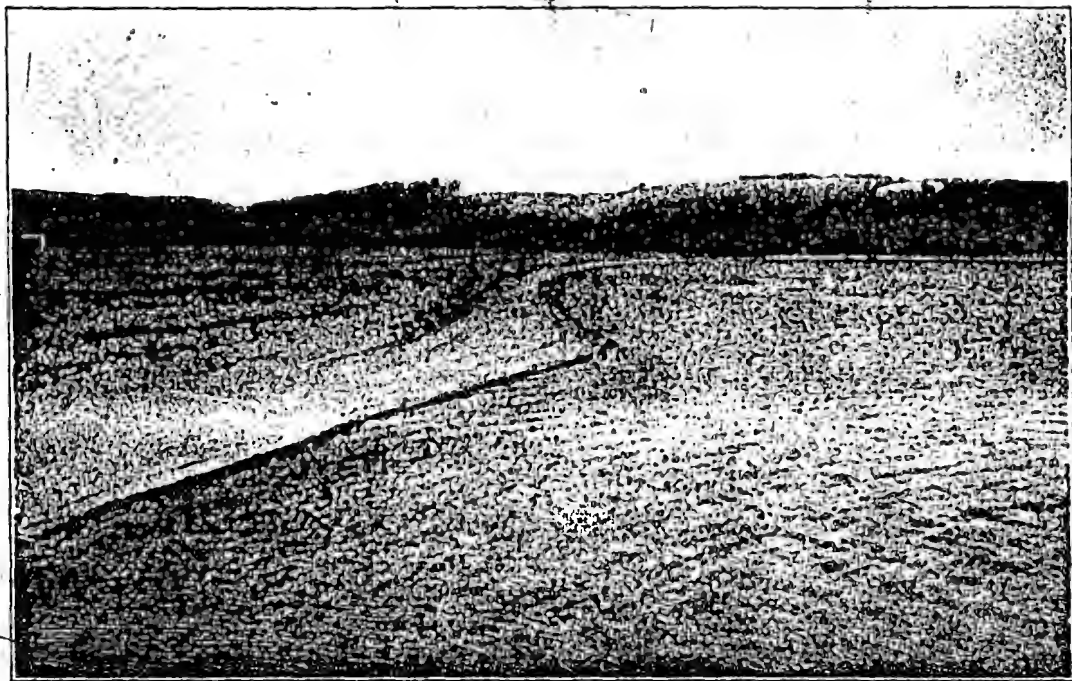


Old Indian road at Glen Harbor.

Glen Harbor, Last Mountain Lake.



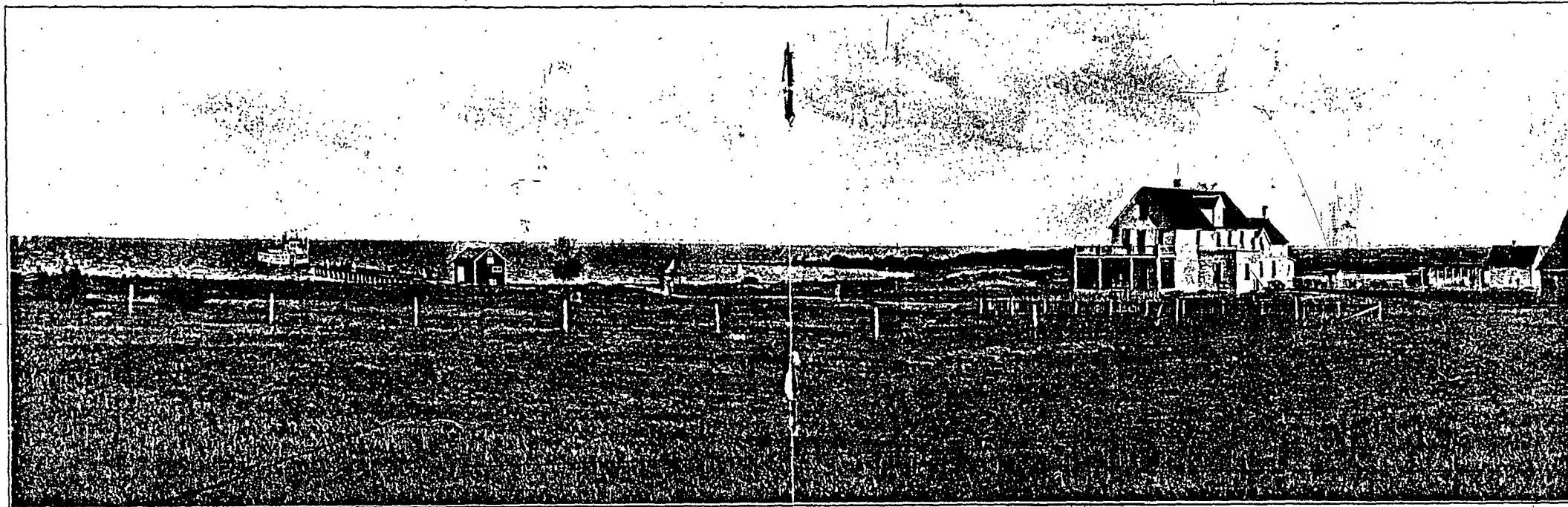
The Company's plans for future contemplate erection of fine summer hotel in the grove at foot of hill. High shores of View Haven visible on opposite side of lake.



Long stretches of sandy beaches at Qien Harbor.

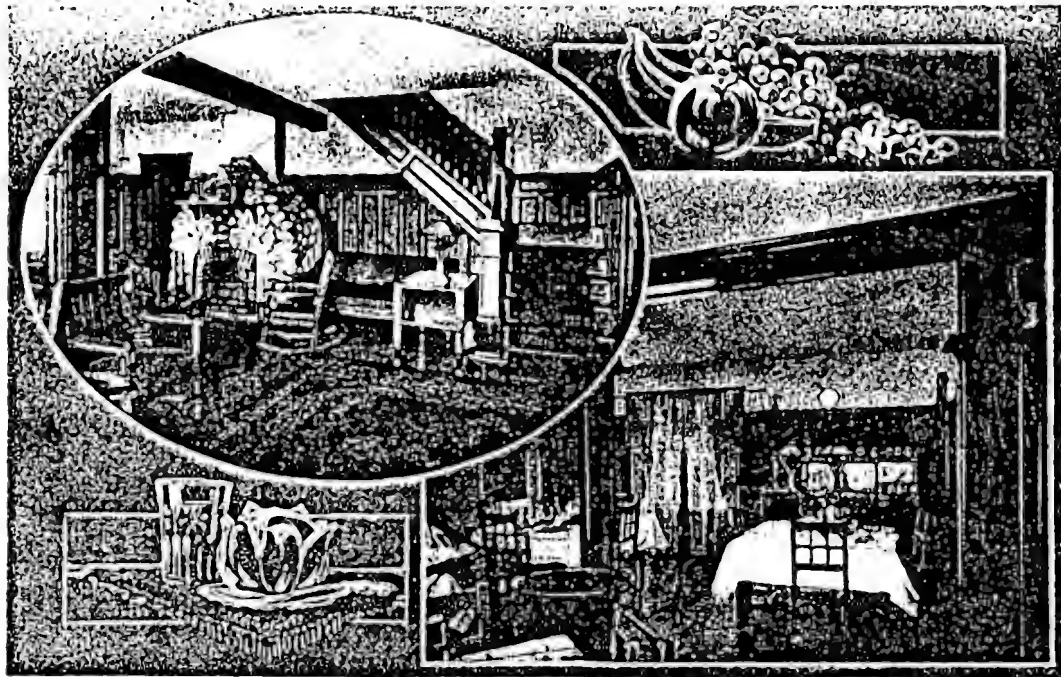
Arlington Beach, Last Mountain Lake.

Week-end visitors taking steamer for home.



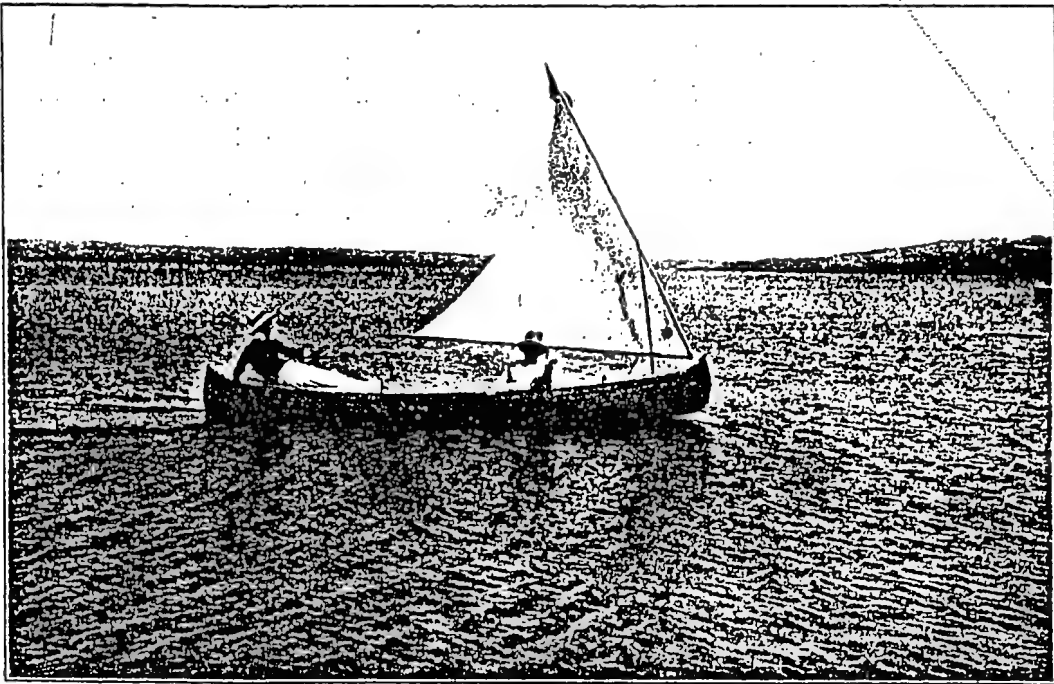
Showing Company's new summer hotel. Reached by stage from Strassburg or Govan; or by steamer from lower end of lake. Accommodations and cuisine second to none. See page 24 for rates. A very noticeable and picturesque feature of the lake is the fact that the prairie gently slopes to the shores at this point, while at Port Hyman the bluffs rise abruptly out of the lake 200 feet or more. Another feature which makes Arlington Beach unique as compared with other summer resorts, is the immense wheat farms which stretch for miles to the east, north and south.

Arlington Beach House

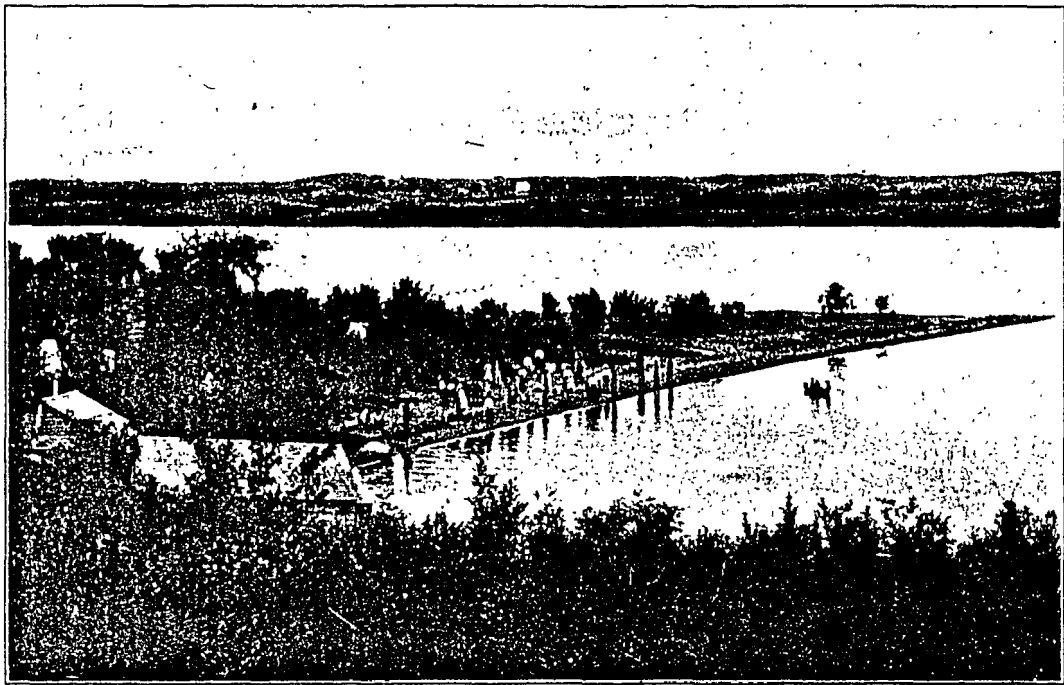


Note the cozy furnishings of lobby and dining room.

"Two is company—"

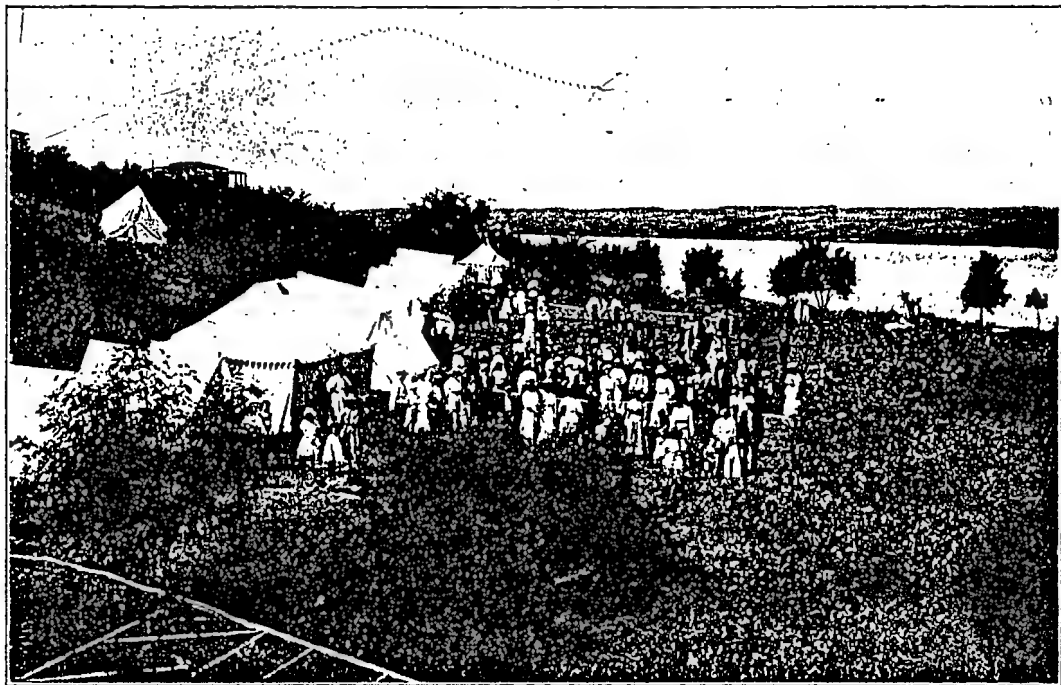


Sailing on Lake Umbagog is unexcelled.



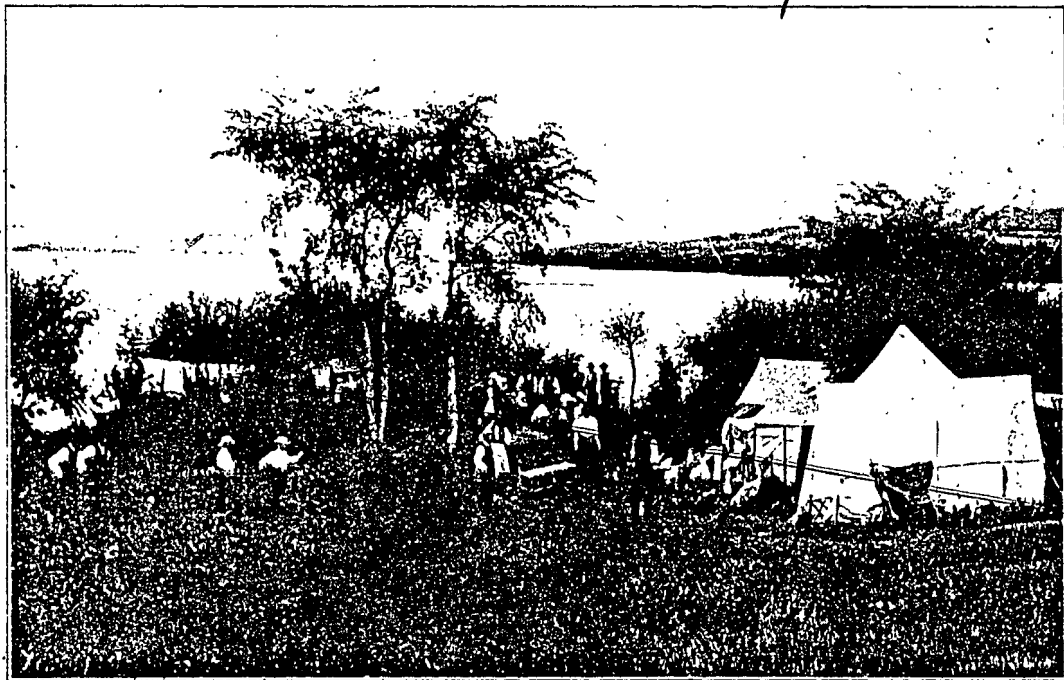
A popular picnic ground near southern end of the lake.

"You are among happy people."



Summer camp of the Methodist Sabbath School Workers of Saskatchewan.

Enjoying their summer vacation "camping out."

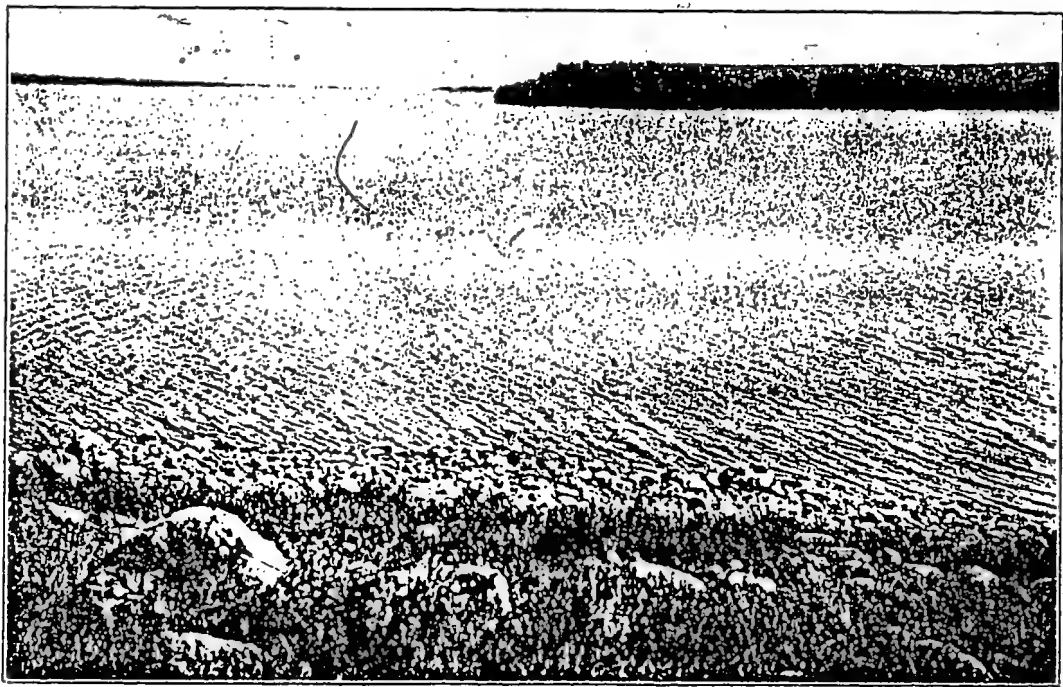


One of the numerous camping spots along the lake.

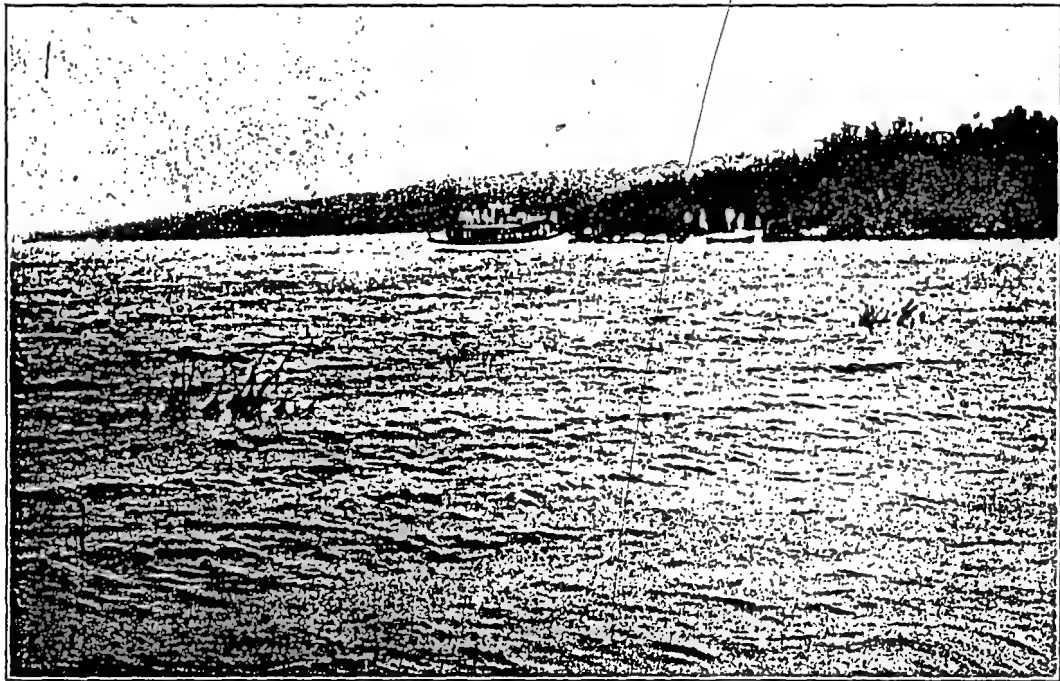
How's this for amateurs?



Pickerel, pike, whitefish, etc. are caught in great quantities.



The bay at View Haven.

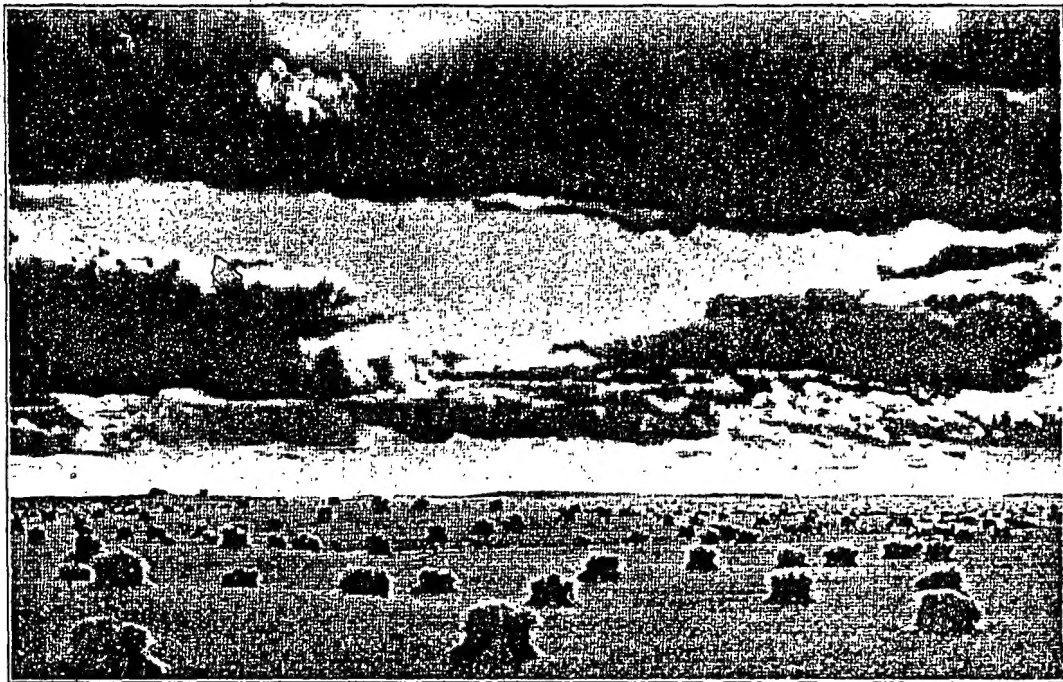


Motor-boating is greatly enjoyed on Last Mountain Lake.



Steamer Qu'Appelle at the dock, View Haven.

"Sunset and Sheaves."



Life is not all drudgery to the farmer and his family who locate near Last Mountain Lake.

SCHEDULE

Arlington Beach House, American Plan

First Floor—\$3.00 per day, \$17.50 per week (if used for week or more).

Second Floor—\$2.25 per day, \$12.50 per week (if used for week or more).

Furnished Cottages—Contain two bedrooms, living room and small kitchen, \$3.00 per day or \$17.50 per week, per head, including board to be furnished at the hotel (if used for week or more). Extra cots with bedding furnished to renters of cottages at 50c per day.

Furnished Tents—Cot in tent and board at the hotel, \$2.50 per day or \$14.00 by the week, per head, (if used for week or more).

Furnished Cottages—Without meals at hotel, \$15.00 per week.

Furnished Tents—Containing two cots, washing utensils, small amount of furniture, \$1.25 per day, \$7.00 per week (if used for week or more).

Unfurnished Tents—85c per day, \$5.00 per week (if used for week or more). No furnishing or bedding will be supplied these tents on any account.

NOTE—Tents furnished or unfurnished must be located only on property to be designated by the Company.

Permits for those hiring unfurnished tents will be issued on the printed forms supplied by the Company.

Tents owned by private individuals not allowed on the Company's property. No tents or other buildings to be erected on the Company's property for the purveying of refreshments, without special permit.

For further information, or reservations at the hotel, address the undersigned, or the Company's branch managers at Strassburg or Lumsden, Sask.

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